

Phillips House
Pennsauken Township, Camden County, New Jersey

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Owner: Ethel K. Bell

Date of Erection: Probably during the 1730's

Architect:

Builder: Henry Wood (probable)

Present Condition: Poor

Number of Stories: Main unit two and one-half;
wing one and one-half

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - stone
and brick

Interior walls - plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - main unit gambrel,
wing pitch

Historical Data:

The land upon which this house stands was originally owned by Thomas Olive and Daniel Wills. It was sold to William Biddle by deed in 1677 and he gave it to his son John in 1736.

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John Biddle granted to Henry Wood three hundred acres of land that was to be taken up and surveyed out of a tract of seventy-five hundred acres. This grant was taken up by Wood in 1738 and remained in the possession of the Wood family until 1788 when it became the property of Samuel Haines. Two years later it came into the possession of Daniel Cooper. The first mention of the house is in the will of Daniel Cooper; however, the house is of an earlier date and was probably built by Henry Wood, Sr.

It passed from the Cooper family in 1807 when Isaac Fish acquired title. From the time of Isaac Fish until it came into the possession of the present owner, there are nine transfers recorded.

Bibliography:

Field book and drawings of the survey

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